

Introduced by Senator Cox

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 6759 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to engineers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 752, as introduced, Cox. Engineers: licensure.

Existing law, the Professional Engineers Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of engineers by the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Existing law authorizes the board to issue a certificate of registration as a professional engineer to a person holding a certificate of registration issued by another state or country when the applicant's qualifications meet certain requirements. Existing law requires the board to register comity applicants registered in a branch not recognized for registration in California to be registered in the branch in which their experience and education indicate the closest relationship.

This bill would instead authorize the board to register a comity applicant in the branch in which his or her experience and education indicate the closest relationship only if the board determines that the applicant meets the minimum qualifications for licensure in that branch.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6759 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 6759. The board, upon application therefor, on its prescribed
2 form, and the payment of the application fee fixed by this
3 chapter, may issue a certificate of registration as a professional
4 engineer, without written examination, to any person holding a
5 certificate of registration issued to him or her by any state or
6 country when the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements
7 of this chapter, and rules established by the board. The board
8 shall not require a comity applicant to meet any requirement not
9 required of California applicants. For purposes of this section,
10 equivalent second division examinations shall be eight-hour
11 written examinations prepared by or administered by a state or
12 territory either by single or combined branch at the level
13 generally administered by the board to persons who passed or
14 were exempted from the first division examination. Applicants
15 who have passed an equivalent second division combined branch
16 or a single branch examination in a branch not recognized for
17 registration in California ~~shall~~ *may* be registered in the branch in
18 which their experience and education indicate the closest
19 relationship *if the board determines that the applicant meets the*
20 *minimum qualifications for licensure in that branch.*